

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**Council Chambers – 7:30 p.m.**

Sydney T. Schulman, Mayor  
Joan Gamble, Deputy Mayor  
Patrick A. DeLorenzo      Wayne Hypolite  
Joseph P. Merritt      Joel J. Neuwirth  
E. Leon Rivers      Derrick A. Seldon  
Joseph Washington

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
- III. Announcements and Presentations
  - A. Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month
  - B. Presentation of Recognition Certificate to Caruso's Auto & Body Service
- IV. Citizens' Statements and Petitions

*Statements by members of the public may be oral or written and shall start with the speaker's name and address and shall continue for no longer than five (5) minutes, unless permitted by the Mayor or councilor presiding.*
- V. Report from Council Subcommittees
  - A. Community Services – Councilor Derrick Seldon
  - B. Administration & Education – Councilor Leon Rivers
  - C. Golf – Councilor Leon Rivers
  - D. Public Safety – Councilor Joe Washington
  - E. Committee on Committees – Councilor Joe Washington
  - F. Finance – Councilor Wayne Hypolite
  - G. Land Use & Economic Development – Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble
- VI. Council Business
  - Old Business
    - 14/15-58: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution (Partial Replacement of the Roof at the Board of Education Facility)
    - 14/15-59: Consider and Take Action Regarding Acceptance of the Conservation Easement for the Deringer-Ney Site at 353 Woodland Avenue

New Business

14/15-60: Review/Discussion/Action: Adoption of Resolution – Year-End  
Transfers

- VII. Report from Mayor and Town Manager
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
  - A. May 11, 2015
- IX. Council Comments
- X. Executive Sessions
  - A. Evaluation of the Town Manager
- XI. Adjournment

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: May 21, 2015

RE: 14/15-58: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution  
(Partial Replacement) of the Roof at the Board of Education Facility

As you recall from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mayor Schulman requested clarification regarding the appointment of a building committee as a part of the adopted resolution for a partial roof replacement at the Board of Education. The Town Attorney has indicated that the Mayor may appoint the building committee without regard to political affiliations.

Accordingly, the following motion would be in order:

*RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Town Council hereby authorize the Bloomfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the proposed roof replacement project at Bloomfield Board of Education District Offices.*

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TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: May 21, 2015  
RE: 14/15-59: ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT  
FOR THE DERINGER-NEY SITE AT 353 WOODLAND AVENUE

Attached is a copy of the conservation easement and map for the Deringer-Ney site at 353 Woodland Avenue. The easement document includes a legal description of the easement as Exhibit A.

Deringer-Ney offered this conservation easement to protect the wetlands and watercourse in the westerly part of the project.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order (subject to approval of the form and substance by the Town Attorney):

*Move to accept the Conservation Easement as set forth in the attached document.*

Record and Return To:  
Earl J. Phillips, Jr.  
Robinson & Cole LLP  
280 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

## CONSERVATION EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that DERINGER-NEY INC., a Connecticut corporation, with its principal office located at 2 Douglas Street, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") for the consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration received to its full satisfaction of the TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, a municipal corporation having its territorial limits within the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" or "Town"), does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee, its successors and assigns forever, a perpetual Conservation Easement within the terms of Connecticut General Statutes Section 47-42a. through 47-42c. in, over, along and across a certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Bloomfield (the "Easement Area") which is shown as the "PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA 143,185 S.F. 3.287 AC." on the map entitled: "EASEMENT MAP DEPICTING PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT PREPARED FOR: TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD 2 MUCKO ROAD BLOOMFIELD CONNECTICUT, SCALE 1"=40'" dated: February 4, 2015, Scale: 1"=40' and prepared by: Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (the "Map"), which has or will be filed with the Bloomfield Town Clerk's office. The Easement Area is approximately 3.287 acres and is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Easement Area is over the westerly portion of a larger parcel known as 353 Woodland Avenue (formerly 2 Mucko Road), Bloomfield, Connecticut which is approximately 21.1 Acres.

The Grantee, acting through its Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and/or Conservation Committee, has determined that the conservation of the Easement Area as Open Space would be in the Public Interest, and that the preservation and maintenance of the Easement Area in its natural condition can best be accomplished by securing, by the Grantee of a conservation easement over, across and upon the said property of the Grantor.

The purpose of this Easement is to retain said land predominantly in its natural scenic and open condition and to protect the natural and watershed resources of the Town of Bloomfield, pursuant to the provisions of Section 47 - 42a. through 47 - 42c. of the Connecticut General Statutes. The enforcement of this Easement shall be administered by the Town of Bloomfield through its Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

The easement is also for the purpose of retaining the conservation area as a wildlife habitat or sanctuary in its present condition palustrine forested wetlands and its future condition as will naturally occur with no interference or disturbance.

The Grantor, for itself and its successors and assigns, covenants and agrees:

1. The easement shall be used for conservation, educational, and limited (passive) recreational purposes only.
2. The easement area shall not be subdivided, now or hereafter, in order that the aims set forth in the above declaration shall be placed in jeopardy.
3. Except as provided herein, no alteration shall be made to the surface of the easement, other than that caused by the forces of nature, unless specifically authorized in writing from the Wetlands Commission.
4. There shall be no use of pesticides, poisons, biocides, herbicides or fertilizers, except as provided in the Pesticide/Herbicide and Fertilization Plan as approved by the Wetlands Commission.
5. In the event that any materials are placed on this easement in violation of this document, the Grantor, upon notice from the Grantee, will remove said material within twenty-one (21) days of such notice.

Furthermore the Grantor, for itself and its successors and assigns, covenants and agrees that it will not conduct, order or permit any of the following activities on the above described parcel of land:

1. The construction or placing of buildings, roads, signs, billboards, or other advertising material, utilities or other structures on or above the ground;
2. The dumping or placing of soil or other substances or material as landfill, or the dumping or placing of trash, waste or other unsightly and offensive materials;
3. The removal or destruction of live trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation;
4. The excavation, dredging or removal of loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other substances in such manner as to affect the surface;
5. Surface use except for outdoor recreational purposes while permitting the land to remain predominantly in its natural condition;
6. Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control or soil conservation;
7. Manipulation or alteration of natural watercourses, marshes, or other water bodies;
8. The hunting of wildlife;
9. Any other acts or uses detrimental to the retention of said land in its natural, scenic and open condition; and
10. The operation of vehicles, snow mobiles, dune buggies, motorcycles, mini-bikes, go-carts, all-terrain vehicles, or any other type of motorized vehicle.

The Grantor shall place, or cause to be placed, permanent markers in the field to monument the corners of the easement, and at all property line - easement line intersections. Suitable warning signs, in a form approved by the Town shall be set near the easement corners and along the easement lines no further than 300 feet apart.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantor reserves the following rights: (a) to enter the Easement Area to construct, operate, repair, replace, and maintain a stormwater drainage system

that will discharge into the Easement Area; (b) to enter the Easement Area to construct, operate, repair, replace, and maintain impacts related to the approved site development of no more than 2.1 Acres within the upland review areas 100 feet from the wetlands and/or 200 feet from watercourses; and (c) to enter and allow others to enter the Easement Area, to construct, use, replace, reconstruct and maintain upon, under, over and through the Easement Area, the sanitary sewer system located within or partially within the Easement Area as shown on the Map. The aforementioned reservations (a) and (b) are pursuant to the approval for Town of Bloomfield Wetlands File #75-2014-15 which was approved with conditions by the Town of Bloomfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission on January 20, 2015. The aforementioned reservation (c) is pursuant to a 20 foot wide sanitary sewer system in favor of (i) the Town of Bloomfield by easement dated June 8, 1970 and recorded June 12, 1970 in Volume 128, Page 206 of the Bloomfield Land Records, and (ii) The Metropolitan District by easement dated August 25, 1970 and recorded August 26, 1970 in Volume 129, Page 109 of the Bloomfield Land Records.

The said Town is further granted an easement to enter the above described premises, by its duly elected or appointed officials, its employees and agents, at reasonable times, upon prior reasonable written notice to and the consent of Grantor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, for the purpose of inspecting the premises and enforcing the provisions of this Easement, to assure the protection of its open condition, water quality, natural vegetation, and wildlife habitats. The right hereby granted shall be in addition to any other remedies available to the Town for the enforcement of the provisions of this Easement. The Town agrees that each such entry is at its own risk and further agrees to hold the Grantor harmless for injury to person or property occasioned by the Town's entry upon the premises by its officials, its employees and agents as aforesaid. Grantee shall not interfere with Grantor's exclusive use and quiet enjoyment of the Property.

This easement shall run with the land and shall bind the Grantor, its successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the general public and the inhabitants of the Town of Bloomfield, in perpetuity, provided however, that nothing contained shall be construed as granting to the public the right to enter said premises or Grantor's remaining property for any purpose whatsoever. Grantor expressly reserves the exclusive right of possession to the entire Property.

If said premises, or any part thereof, shall be taken by condemnation, this Easement shall terminate automatically as to that property taken so that the Grantor, or its successors or assigns, may be as fully compensated as though this Easement had never been granted.

The Grantor reserves the right to itself, its successors and assigns forever, to use said land for any uses and purposes which do not in any way interfere with the purpose for which this Easement is granted.

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TO: Town Councilors  
FROM: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager  
DATE: May 21, 2015  
RE: 14/15-60: Review/Discussion/Action: 2014-2015 Adoption of Resolution  
– Year End Transfers

At the Finance Subcommittee meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the committee recommended that the attached resolution be forwarded to Council for adoption. I am enclosing the May 14<sup>th</sup> memorandum from Finance Director, William Hogan for your review.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

RESOLVED: In accordance with Section 908 of the Town of Bloomfield Charter, the below transfer of appropriations be approved:

The amounts below are free from encumbrances in the 2014-15 General Fund budget:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-160	Town Attorney	15,000
1-301	Planning & Development	15,000
1-241	Elections	6,000
	TOTAL	36,000

The above amounts are to be transferred to the following departments in the 2014-15 General Fund budget:

<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-401	Public Works	30,000
1-120	Town Manager	6,000
	TOTAL	36,000

Be it further resolved, that the Town Manager is authorized to transfer any unencumbered departmental balances that may exist to the Town's Other Employment Benefit Trust fund (Fund 56).

Department of Finance  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager  
From: William J. Hogan, Director of Finance  
Date: May 14, 2015  
Re: 2014-15 Transfer Resolution May 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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Attached is the final Town-wide transfer in the total amount of \$36,000 to cover expenses in the Public Works Department (\$30,000) to provide sufficient funding for Town-wide Spring cleanup as well as an overage in the Town Manager's salary account of \$6,000. This amount will be financed from existing balances in three other departments including Town Attorney, Planning, and Elections. The Public Works transfer of \$30,000 supplements \$125,000 provided to that department in early April.

A review of other Town operating departments indicate that sufficient balances exist and are not projected to require any additional funding at this time. The resolution also authorizes the transfer of any departmental unencumbered balance that exists as part of the fiscal year closeout process to the Town's OPEB Trust fund.

There still exists a balance of \$50,000 remaining in the Town-wide Contingency account. The total adopted 2014-15 budget of \$81,984,969 remains the same.

A Town Council resolution is attached.

## RESOLUTION

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2015 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Mayor Sydney Schulman, Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble, Councilors Joseph Washington, Wayne Hypolite, Patrick DeLorenzo, Joel Neuwirth, Joseph Merritt, Derrick Seldon and Leon Rivers

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Sharron Howe, Assistant to the Town Manager, Marc Needelman, Town Attorney and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation for Women's Lung Health Week (May 11 -15, 2015)

Representatives for this organization were not present to receive their proclamation.

Proclamation for Old Saint Andrews Episcopal Church (Reverend Puck Purnell)

Mayor Schulman presented Rev. Puck Purnell of Old Saint Andrews Episcopal Church with a proclamation in recognition of their 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**CITIZENS STATEMENT & PETITIONS**

There were no citizens' statements or petitions.

## **REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES**

Golf – Councilor Rivers reported Mr. Ciaran Carr, General Manager of Wintonbury Hills Golf Course was honored with the CT Section - Bill Strausbaugh Award. This award is presented to PGA members who have distinguished themselves in the field of club relations and dramatic improvements in employment conditions in their local section and/or PGA of America.

Public Safety – Councilor Washington will give a detailed report at the next scheduled Council meeting on May 26, 2015.

Committee on Committees – The next scheduled meeting of this subcommittee will be held on May 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Land Use & Economic Development – The next scheduled meeting of this subcommittee will be held on May 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Gamble read statistics from the Hartford Courant in “2015 Best of Hartford Magazine” for Bloomfield.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FY 14/15-57: Consider and Take Action Regarding the Approval of the Application for the Quality School Readiness Grant Program (Priority School Readiness Municipalities)**

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gamble and voted unanimously to approve the signing of the Quality Enhancement Grant.

#### **FY 14/15-58: Consider and Take Action Regarding Adoption of Resolution (Partial Replacement of the Roof at the Board of Education Facility)**

Mr. Wayne Casper, Director of Facilities and Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operating Officer for the Bloomfield Board of Education presented a resolution to the Council for approval of a partial roof replacement.

Mr. Casper stated that the Board of Education will receive a grant reimbursement rate of 46.79% from the State of Connecticut – Department of Education for this partial roof replacement. The cost estimate for this project is approximately \$405,619 and the grant estimate is \$171,328. Some of the items being replaced are considered ineligible charges, i.e. contingency and skylight.

Mr. Guzman explained the basic requirements of the approved resolution needed for this project: building committee, grant application and schematic drawings. He further explained that the funding for this project will be financed with existing allocations from the FY 14/15 unexpended funds of approximately \$300,000.

Mayor Schulman requested clarification of political affiliation with appointees and reporting requirements of the newly formed building committee.

Councilor DeLorenzo also requested clarification regarding the inclusion of “partial” for roof replacement.

Councilor Rivers and Seldon expressed concerns about the remaining areas of the roof that also need replacement. It was noted that the other areas of the roof will be addressed in FY 15/16 budget.

**It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Town Council hereby authorize the Bloomfield Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the proposed (partial) roof replacement project at Bloomfield Board of Education District Offices.**

**RESOLVED, that a School Building Committee as appointed by the Mayor is hereby established with regard to the proposed roof replacement project at Bloomfield Board of Education District Offices.**

**RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Town Council hereby authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed roof replacement project at Bloomfield Board of Education District Offices.**

**It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to amend the original motion to include the following:**

- “partial” roof replacement
- Inclusion of three persons, no names

**FY 14/15-59: Consider and Take Action Regarding Acceptance of the Conservation Easement for the Deringer-Ney Site at 353 Woodland Avenue**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to accept the Conservation Easement as set forth in the attached document.

Attorney Marc Needelman stated that this Conservation Easement has not been finalized as of yet, due to an update communications with the applicant's attorney. He recommended deferred taking action at this time and revisit at the next scheduled Council meeting on May 26, 2015.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Seldon to postpone this item until the next scheduled Council meeting on May 26, 2015.

**VOTE:**        AYE: S. Schulman, J. Gamble, W. Hypolite, J. Washington, L. Rivers, D. Seldon, P. DeLorenzo, J. Merritt  
                     NAY: None  
                     ABSTAIN: J. Neuwirth

**REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER**

**Mayor's Report**

- On April 30, 2015, Mayor Schulman and other Councilors attended the Bloomfield Public Schools Annual Music & Art Festival at The Bushnell Theatre.
- On May 2, 2015, a Council Retreat was held at St. Thomas Seminary focusing on their "Expanding Our Leadership Capacity".
- On May 2, 2015, Mayor Schulman attended the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball of the West Indian Social Club.
- Also on May 2, 2015, Mayor Schulman attended the Togolese Society Celebration in Hartford, CT.
- On May 3, 2015, Mayor Schulman attended the Law Day Function at the First Cathedral will from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- On May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., the Annual Town Meeting was held at the Bloomfield High School Auditorium to discuss the FY 2015/2016 Town Budget.
- On May 6, 2015 at 12:00 noon, there was a meeting held at Town Hall to discuss the upcoming events for "Celebrate Bloomfield".
- On May 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce hosted the "Bloomfield Annual Dinner", in which Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager was honored with the Business Leadership Award.
- On May 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., a Day of National Prayer was held at Bloomfield Town Hall in Council Chambers.
- On May 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., the Bloomfield Rotary Club hosted the Paul Harris Annual Dinner and Awards was held at the Mill on the River in South Windsor, CT. Dr. James Thompson was the recipient of this prestigious award.
- On May 9, 2015 at 3:30 p.m., the Wintonbury Land Trust hosted a celebration of the Hawk Hill Land Acquisition at 23 Duncaster Road.
- On May 13, 2015, Mayor Schulman will attended the CRCOG Executive Committee meeting.
- On May 17, 2015, the Sigel Hebrew Academy of Greater Hartford will host their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- On May 18, 2015, CPTV will host a program regarding information with the Metropolitan District Commission.
- On May 20, 2015, Bloomfield High School will host an event honoring retiring teachers with a presentation of certificates.
- On May 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., a Grand Opening will be held for a new business in town entitled "Lens Only" located at 812 Park Avenue.
- On May 25, 2015, Bloomfield Leisure Services will host the Annual Memorial Day Parade with a 5K Run, Cemetery Memorial and other activities on the Town Green.

- On June 14, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., a Mayor's Brunch will be held at the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course honoring Mrs. Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Director of the Senior Center.

#### Town Manager's Report

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager reported the following updates to the Town Council:

- Mr. Schenck, Jr. reported that the Public Works Department has completed the crack sealing in the road remediation project. In addition, they are also in the process of completing catch basin cleaning.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. informed residents that the new Amazon Distribution Center is now hiring for vacant positions. To apply visit, [www.workatamazonfulfillment.com](http://www.workatamazonfulfillment.com)
- On June 4, 2015, the planting day of the Beautification Committee will take place with the assistance of the Public Works Department. If anyone is interested, they can contact the Town Manager's Office for more details.
- It was noted that the air conditioning in Town Hall is currently out of service. New units are currently being installed as recommended in the Ameresco Energy study.
- Mr. Schenck, Jr. commented on the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, Hawk Hill Farm Celebration and the Connecticut Economic Resource Council presentation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to approve minutes of May 4, 2015 (Special Meeting)

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Seldon to approve minutes of April 27, 2015 (Council Meeting).

**VOTE:**      **AYE:** S. Schulman, J. Gamble, W. Hypolite, D. Seldon, J. Washington, L. Rivers, J. Neuwirth, J. Merritt  
                   **NAY:** None  
                   **ABSTAIN:** P. DeLorenzo

Motion passes (8-1)

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington to approve minutes of March 24, 2015 (Town Council Deliberation).

VOTE:        AYE: S. Schulman, J. Gamble, W. Hypolite, D. Seldon, J. Washington, L. Rivers,

P. DeLorenzo, J. Merritt

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: J. Neuwirth

Motion passes (8-1)

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to approve minutes of March 19, 2015 (Town Council Budget Meeting).

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to approve minutes of March 17, 2015 (Town Council Budget Meeting).

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo and voted unanimously to approve minutes of March 12, 2015 (Town Council Budget Meeting).

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Rivers to approve minutes of March 10, 2015 (Town Council Deliberation).

VOTE:        AYE: J. Gamble, W. Hypolite, D. Seldon, J. Washington, L. Rivers, P. DeLorenzo, J. Neuwirth, J. Merritt

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: S. Schulman

Motion passes (8-1)

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor DeLorenzo thanked Mr. Jose Giner, Director of Planning and Economic Development for hosting the CT Economic Resource Center (CERC) workshop on May 7, 2015.

Councilor Neuwirth reiterated the upcoming events of "Celebrate Bloomfield", which will begin on May 30 – June 6, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Gamble reminded residents to donate to Foodshare. She also commended Councilor Neuwirth on his planning and organizing of events/activities for "Celebrate Bloomfield".

Councilor Washington congratulated First Cathedral on a successful event for "Law Day", May 3, 2015. He also commended Judge Cofield on leading the panel discussion regarding nationwide policing issues.

Councilor Rivers stated that the Council Retreat held on May 2, 2015 was very informative and instrumental in developing leadership strategies.

Councilor Seldon wished all mothers a belated Happy Mother's Day. He also congratulated all graduates in primary, secondary and higher education of the Class of 2015.

Mayor Schulman read a letter of accommodation for Officers John Finn and Brendan Danaher for assisting public safety personnel at the University of Saint Joseph with a minor brawl altercation with several students on April 26, 2015.

Mayor Schulman also encouraged residents to come out and support all of the events for "Celebrate Bloomfield".

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 8:33 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session A. – Discussion Concerning Pending Claims and Litigation with the Town Council, Town Manager, Assistant to the Town Manager and Town Attorney.**

**At 8:48 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Merritt and voted unanimously to exit Executive Session A.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**At 8:49 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Washington to adjourn the meeting.**